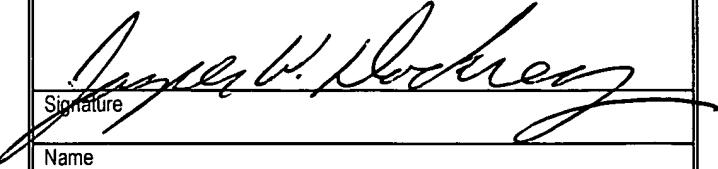


"Express Mail" mailing label number  
EV 653877414 US

Date of Deposit: June 2, 2005

JC10 Rec'd PCT/PTO 02 JUN 2005

|   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| FORM PTO-1390<br>(REV. 12-04)<br>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |  | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | CASE NO. 9905/26<br>(BIF023238 US)                                     |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/FR03/003590  |  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>May 27, 2004                  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)<br><b>10/537679</b> |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>METHOD OF PRODUCING A COMPLEX STRUCTURE BY ASSEMBLING STRESSED STRUCTURES</b>  |  | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>December 9, 2002                  |  |
| APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>FRANCK FOURNEL, HUBERT MORICEAU, and PHILIPPE MONTMAYEUL</b>  |  |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |  |  |  |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34.</p> |  |  |  |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 Below concern other document(s) or information included:</b>  |  |  |  |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98; PTO Form 1449; copies of cited references A3-11 and International Search Report.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. - <i>Not with Case 12/105 948</i></p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Six (6) sheets of drawings; Request [in French], International Application Published Under PCT (in French [cover page in English]), International Preliminary Examination Report [in French]; Notification De L'Enregistrement D'un Changement (Form PCT/IB/306 -- showing correction of the first-named inventor, Franck Fournel's address).</p>   |  |  |  |

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.10)  | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.   | CASE NO. 9905/26   |
| <b>107537679</b>   |   | PCT/FR03/03590   |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  |   |  |
| a) Basic National fee.....   |   | \$300.00   |
| b) Examination fee.....  |   | \$200.00   |
| c) Search fee .....  |   | \$500.00   |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS  |   | \$1000.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. |   |  |
| Total Sheets   | Extra Sheets  | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)        |
| - 100 =  | /50 =   | x \$250.00   |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).   |   |  |
| Claims   | Number Filed  | Number Extra   |
| Total Claims   | 35 - 20 =   | 15   |
| Independent Claims   | 1 - 3 =   | 0  |
| Multiple dependent claim(s) if Applicable  |   | 0  |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |   |  |
| SUBTOTAL =   |   |  |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).  |   |  |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE=  |   |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31), \$40.00 per property +   |   |  |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED=   |   |  |
| Amount to be refunded  |   |  |
| Amount to be charged   |   |  |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | A check in the amount of \$1,750.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.  |  |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/>  | Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |  |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |  |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/>  | Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |  |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.   |   |  |
| Send All Correspondence to:  |   |  |
| Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione<br>P.O. Box 10395<br>Chicago, IL 60610   |   |  |
|  |   | Signature  |
|  |   | Name   |
|  |   | Jasper W. Dockrey  |
|  |   | Registration Number: 33,868  |